GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER ARWSP FOR ADDITIONAL WORKS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of districts in certain States are badly affected due to poor rainfall;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide funds to such States for the construction of new sources and to undertake additional works under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP); and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which the funds are likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (c) Water is a state subject and as such state governments are primarily responsible to provide drinking water to the rural habitations. This Department supplements the efforts of the state governments in this direction by giving financial assistance and technical support to the state governments through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply programme (ARWSP). State governments are, however, competent to plan, sanction and implement rural water supply schemes. Further, 5% of the total ARWSP funds are kept aside for meeting contingencies arising out of natural calamities like excessive drought, floods, etc. This amount is released to the affected States/UTs on the basis of ARWSP guidelines.